GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

E.F.S. & T. Department – Environment – Creation of Climate Change Cell in Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.I) DEPARTMENT

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Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. These shifts may be natural, such as through variations in the solar cycle. But since long time, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas, generating greenhouse gas emissions that act like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, trapping the sun's heat and raising temperatures.

2. Climate change poses a challenge to sustainability of social and economic development, livelihoods of communities and environmental management in Andhra Pradesh. Building capacities for climate change actions (mitigation and adaptation) to make Andhra Pradesh a climate resilient State through improved climate change governance and services linking climate science, policies and people are very important in the present context.

3. The Government of India in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has a separate division which focuses on climate change issues. The National Action Plan on Climate Change focuses on mitigation of climate change (CC) and protecting the vulnerable sections of society through an inclusive and sustainable development strategy that also enhances ecological sustainability. With the formulation of a national policy on Climate Change, it has become imperative to achieve coherence between strategies and actions at National and State levels. Most of the adaptation challenges such as coastal zone disasters, droughts, adverse human health effect, depleting water resources are experienced at the State level and programmes aimed at improving the adaptive ability are also undertaken and being implemented at State level. It is, therefore, desirable that a Climate Change Cell be established in Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department in the State to deal with the climate change issues.

4. Accordingly, the Government hereby create a Climate Change Cell in Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department to undertake the following functions initially:

I. To coordinate the preparation of Climate Change State Action plan (being undertaken by APPCB through NCSCM) and thereafter, take focussed steps to implement the Climate Change State Action Plan.

II. To liaise with the Government of India, external funding agencies and different departments of State Govt. to identify projects and schemes for implementation of the Climate Change State Action Plan.

III. As part of implementation of Climate Change Action Plan, the ongoing schemes in the EFS&T department viz., Green Climate Fund (GCF), Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) shall be transferred to be implemented and monitored through the Climate Change cell.

IV. The Climate Change Cell in the EFS&T Department shall develop mechanism for Inter-Departmental coordination so as to have periodic interactions with the stakeholder line departments (e.g. Agriculture, Health, Industry, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Animal Resources Development, Commerce and Transport, Water Resources, Revenue and Disaster Management, Mining etc.).

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V. The Climate Change Cell shall also interact and coordinate with other state governments, different regulatory authorities, R&D institutions, non-government organizations etc. including interaction with the international institutions for exchange of information on climate change issues and develop in depth knowledge on Climate Change issues impacting the State and bring best practices to the State.

VI. Building capacities for climate change actions (mitigation and adaptation) to make it a climate resilient State through improved climate change governance and services linking climate science, policies and people.

5. The services of the personnel (technical and other) working in the Project Monitoring Units (PMUs) of Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) shall be utilized in the Climate Change Cell and Section-I shall look after the Climate Change Cell in the Secretariat.

6. The Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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